

BENCHMARKS *for a* BETTER WASHINGTON

Our vision for Washington: Make it a top 10 state for quality of life and innovation and ensure it is not one of the 10 most expensive states in which to do business.

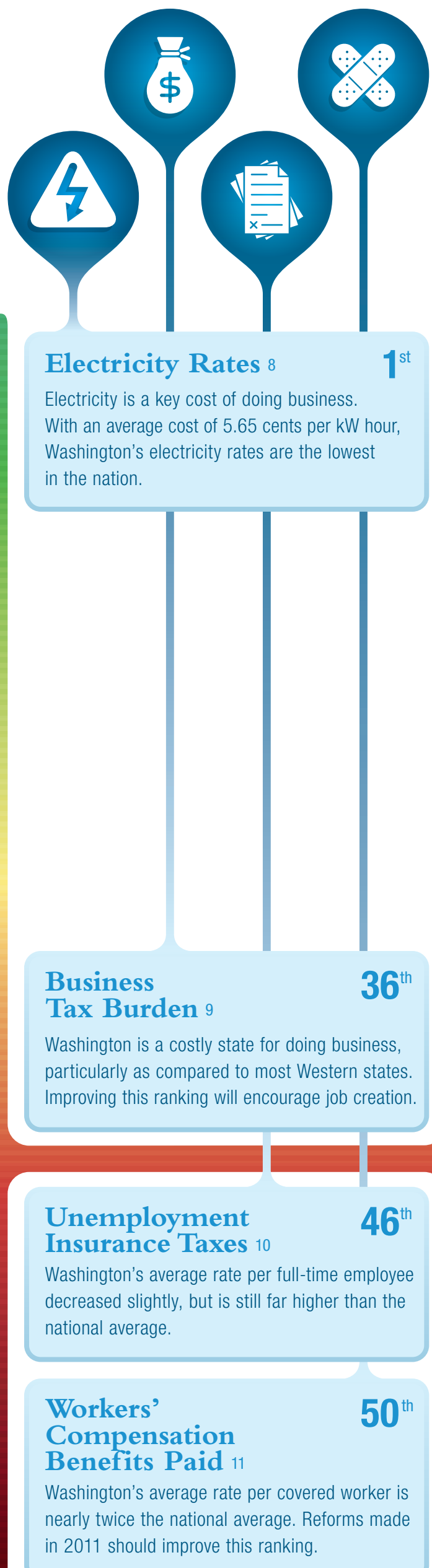
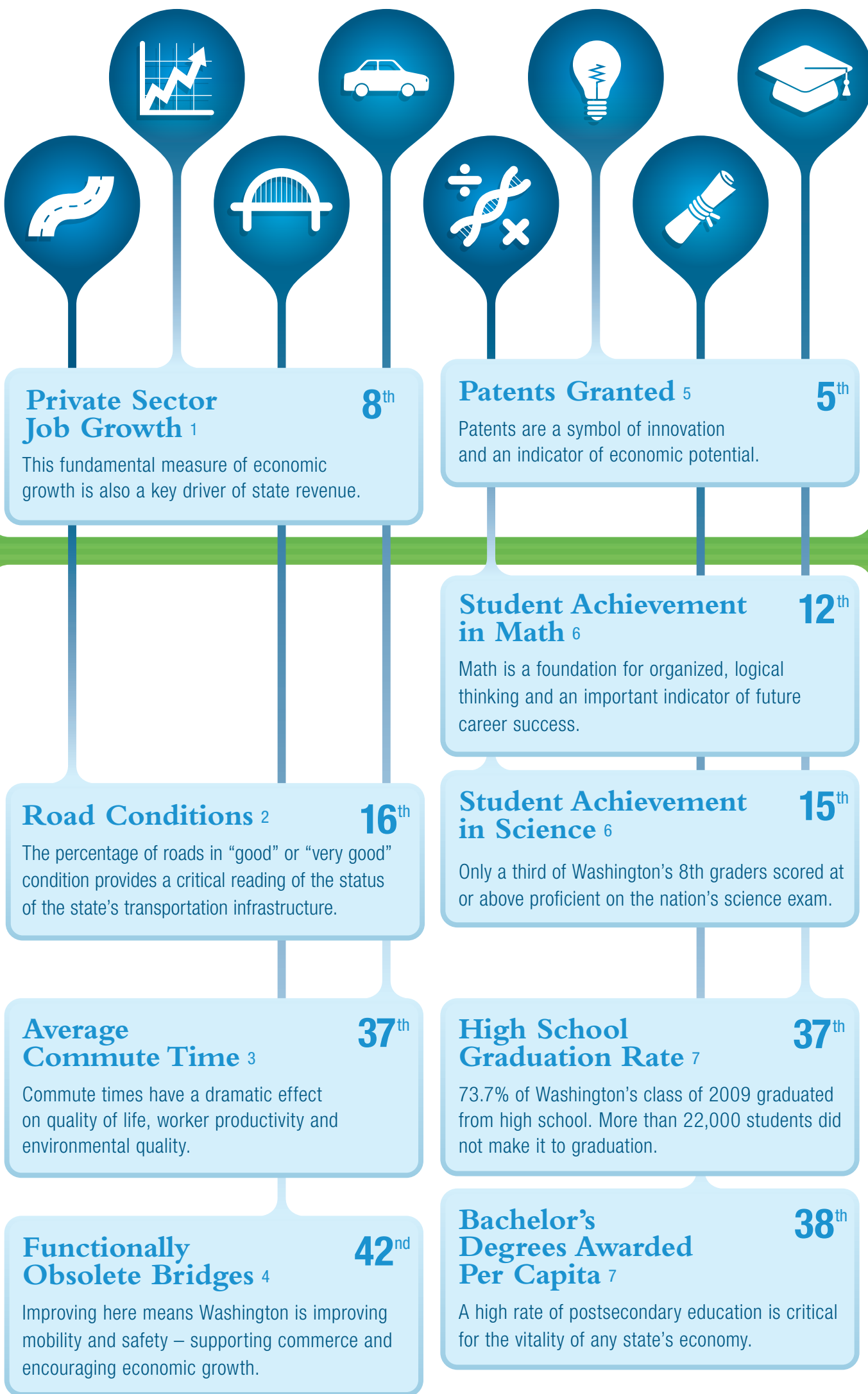
Working toward that vision, in 2011, the Roundtable began tracking the Benchmarks for a Better Washington, a discrete set of metrics that speak to the heart of what constitutes a world-class state: a climate of innovation, quality education, safe and efficient infrastructure,

and a business environment that encourages job growth. The Benchmarks utilize independent, state-by-state comparative data to assess Washington's position in key categories and uncover opportunities for improvement. Achieving this vision will require courageous leadership

and continuous improvement, with a focus that extends beyond the current economic and election cycles. Hard work is required to catch up, keep up and move ahead. The Benchmarks will help us chart progress.

QUALITY *of* LIFE *and* INNOVATION

COST *of* BUSINESS



1 Bureau of Labor Statistics 2 Federal Highway Administration 3 American Community Survey 4 Bureau of Transportation Statistics
 5 U.S. Patent & Trademark Office 6 National Assessment of Educational Progress 7 National Center for Education Statistics
 8 U.S. Energy Information Administration 9 Council on State Taxation 10 U.S. Department of Labor
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